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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Komeyama et al.

Serial No.: 10/660,754 Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: September 12, 2003 Examiner: Gregory John Binda

For: CROSS JOINT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-4, 11-14, 40-44, 46-47, and 50-55 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The specification and claims 1 and 50 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claim 45 is canceled. Claims 1 and 50 are independent.